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Army sees safety, not 'wokeness,' as top recruiting obstacle

By LOLITA C. BALDOR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — While some Republicans blame the COVID-19 vaccine or "wokeness" for the Army's recruiting woes, the military service says the bigger hurdles are more traditional ones: Young people don't want to die or get injured, deal with the stress of Army life and put their lives on hold.

They "just don't see the Army as something that's relevant," said Maj. Gen. Alex Fink, head of Army marketing. "They see us as revered, but not relevant, in their lives."

Addressing those longtime issues has taken on greater urgency as the Army tries to recover from its worst recruiting year in decades, a situation aggravated by the tight jobs market. The Army is offering new programs, advertising and enticements in an effort to change perceptions and reverse the decline.

One incentive gives recruiters bonuses of up to \$4,500 per quarter if they exceed their baseline enlistment requirement. A pilot program allows young enlisted soldiers — those in the three lower ranks — to get a promotion if they refer someone who enlists and goes to basic training. Only one promotion per soldier is allowed.



Students in the new Army prep course stand at attention after physical training exercises at Fort Jackson in Columbia, S.C., Aug. 27, 2022.

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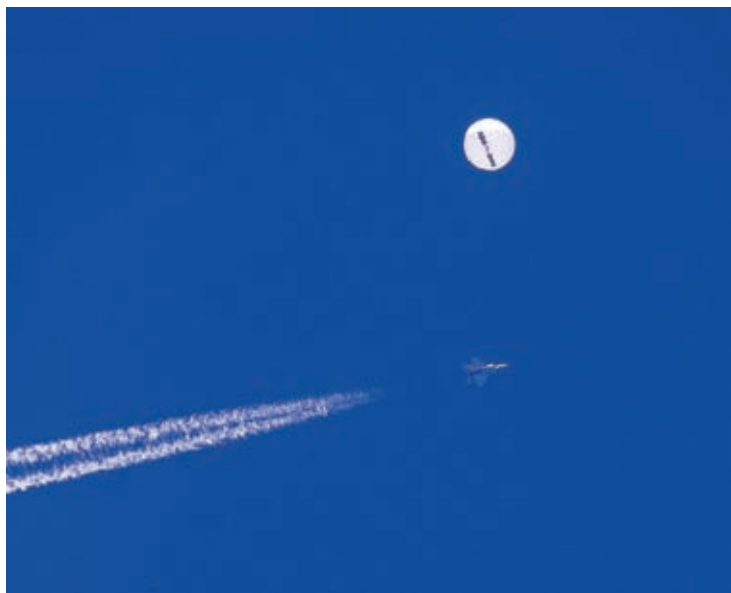
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'Unidentified object' downed over Lake Huron, 3rd this week

By COLLEEN LONG, LOLITA C. BALDOR and ZEKE MILLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden on Sunday ordered an "unidentified object" shot down with a missile by U.S. fighter jets Sunday over Lake Huron, and it was believed to be the same one tracked over Montana and monitored by the government beginning the night before, U.S. officials said.

The downing came after earlier objects over Alaska and Canada were shot out of the sky because they were flying at altitudes that posed a threat to commercial aircraft, according to the officials, who had knowledge of the downings and spoke to The Associated Press on condition



In this photo provided by Chad Fish, a large balloon drifts above the Atlantic Ocean, just off the coast of South Carolina, with a fighter jet and its contrail seen below it, Saturday, Feb. 4, 2023. Associated Press

of anonymity to discuss the sensitive operations. It was extraordinary that four objects were shot out

of the sky by U.S. fighter jets in eight days. Pentagon officials have said they don't know when the last shoot-

down of an unknown or unauthorized object over U.S. territory occurred.

The latest object brought down was first detected on Saturday evening over Montana, but it was initially thought to be an anomaly. Radar picked it up again Sunday hovering over the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and it was going over Lake Huron.

U.S. and Canadian authorities had restricted some airspace over the lake earlier Sunday as planes were scrambled to intercept and try to identify the object. The latest object was octagonal, with strings hanging off, but had no discernable payload. It was flying low at about 20,000 feet, according to one senior U.S. official.

U.S. officials were still trying to precisely identify the other two objects blown from the sky by F-22 fighter jets over the past two days. They also were working to determine whether China was responsible as concerns escalated about what Washington said was Beijing's large-scale aerial surveillance program.

The object shot down Saturday over Canada's Yukon was described by U.S. officials as a balloon significantly smaller than the balloon — the size of three school buses — hit by a missile Feb. 4 while drifting off the South Carolina coast after traversing the country. A flying object brought down over the remote northern coast of Alaska on Friday was more cylindrical and described as a type of airship. Both were believed to have a payload, either attached or suspended from them, according to the officials who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity to discuss the ongoing investigation. Officials were not able to say who launched the objects and were seeking to figure out their origin. The three objects were much smaller in size, different in appearance and flew at lower altitudes than the suspected Chinese spy balloon that fell into the Atlantic Ocean after the U.S.

missile strike.

The officials said the Alaska and Canada objects were not consistent with the fleet of Chinese aerial surveillance balloons that targeted more than 40 countries, stretching back at least into the Trump administration.

That large white orb first appeared over the U.S. in late January, and since then Americans have been fixated on the sky above them. U.S. authorities made clear that they constantly monitor for unknown radar blips, and it is not unusual to shut down airspace as a precaution to evaluate them, but they'd also take action when necessary.

On Sunday, the U.S. briefly closed the airspace over Lake Michigan but reopened it roughly an hour later. Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer told ABC's "This Week" that U.S. officials were working quickly to recover debris. Using shorthand to describe the objects as balloons, he said U.S. military and intelligence officials were "focused like a laser" on gathering and accumulating the information, then compiling a comprehensive analysis.

"The bottom line is until a few months ago we didn't know about these balloons," Schumer, D-N.Y., said of the spy program that the administration has linked to the People's Liberation Army, China's military. "It is wild that we didn't know."

Eight days ago, F-22 jets downed the large white balloon that had wafted over the U.S. for days at an altitude of about 60,000 feet. U.S. officials immediately blamed China, saying the balloon was equipped to detect and collect intelligence signals and could maneuver itself. White House officials said improved surveillance capabilities helped detect it. China's Foreign Ministry said the unmanned meteorological airship that had blown off course. Beijing said the U.S. had "overreacted" by shooting it down. □

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The Army fell about 15,000 soldiers, or 25%, short of its 60,000 recruitment goal last year, when all the branches struggled to meet recruiting goals.

Army Secretary Christine Wormuth said the Army has set a difficult goal for this year: aiming to bring in 65,000 recruits, which would be 20,000 more than in 2022. It's difficult to predict how it will go, she said, adding that recruiters need to do all they can to surpass last year's numbers.

"I would say it is a stretch goal," she said.

Wormuth said she and Gen. James McConville, the Army's chief of staff, believed they needed to set a big goal.

"I think we are seeing some forward momentum. But it is still too early to tell where we will likely land at the end of this fiscal year. I know we will do better than we did last year," she said.

Guiding the Army's efforts are surveys intended to help pinpoint why young people dismiss the Army as a career.

Those surveys were conducted over four months last spring and summer. They involved about 600 respondents, ages 16 to 28, per month. The Army discussed the general find-



Army Secretary Christine Wormuth, testifies before a Senate Armed Services Committee on May 5, 2022, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

ings with The Associated Press but declined to provide detailed methodology, saying the surveys were done by a private research contractor and that licensing agreements limited the public release of some data collection details.

Officials said that based on the surveys, young people simply do not see the Army as a safe place or good career path, and believe they would have to put their lives and careers on hold if they enlisted.

Army leaders said very few

say they are deterred from enlisting due to "wokeness." In fact, concerns about discrimination against women and minorities is seen as a bigger issue, along with a more general distrust of the military.

Republicans in Congress, including Rep. Jim Banks, chairman of the House Armed Services subcommittee on military personnel, have pledged to target "wokeness" this year. Banks, R-Ind., has said "exposing and dismantling the Biden administration's

woke agenda that is driving down military recruitment and retention" will be a top priority for him this year. His spokesman, Buckley Carlson, said combating "wokeness" at the Defense Department will be a key issue for the congressman.

Banks and others have complained about the Pentagon's efforts to target extremism in the military, provide courses in critical race theory and other efforts to expand diversity. They say focusing on partisan issues pushed by the

left takes away from the Pentagon's core missions, weakens the military and turns off recruits.

But the Army says that on average, only 5% of the respondents in the surveys listed "wokeness" as an issue, compared with 13% who say they believe that women and minorities will face discrimination and not get the same opportunities. Wormuth said the survey data is a tool to "assuage the concerns that some may have, whether influencers or members of Congress, about wokeness or the vaccine mandate — which is now rescinded — and show they are not, by any means, primary drivers of the recruiting challenges we're experiencing."

She said the information from the surveys also provides insight on how the Army needs to better explain its benefits.

Fink, the Army's marketing head, said the top three reasons young people cite for rejecting military enlistment are the same across all the services: fear of death, worries about post-traumatic stress disorder and leaving friends and family — in that order. He said the Army wanted a better understanding of any additional barriers to service, beyond those top three. □

AP source: Trump team turns over items marked as classified

By ERIC TUCKER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawyers for former President Donald Trump have in recent months voluntarily turned over to federal investigators additional papers marked as classified as well as a laptop belonging to a Trump aide, a person familiar with the situation said Friday night.

The legal team also provided an empty folder with classified markings, according to the person, who spoke on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press to discuss an ongoing

investigation. It was not immediately clear what material was supposed to have been in the folder.

A Justice Department special counsel has been investigating the retention by Trump of hundreds of documents marked as classified at his Florida estate, Mar-a-Lago. FBI agents who served a search warrant at the property in August recovered roughly 100 classified documents, including records classified at the top-secret level. A federal grand jury has been hearing evidence in the case for months. Prosecutors

are investigating whether Trump willfully hoarded the material and whether he or anyone else sought to obstruct their probe, court filings show.

ABC News first reported the discovery of the additional documents.

The person familiar with the matter said a handful of pages with classified markings were found during a search weeks ago at the Mar-a-Lago complex that was supervised by the Trump legal team, and were promptly provided to the Justice Department. The documents were found



This image contained in a court filing by the Department of Justice on Aug. 30, 2022, and partially redacted by the source, shows a photo of documents seized during the Aug. 8 FBI search of former President Donald Trump's Mar-a-Lago estate.

Associated Press

in a box containing thousands of pages, the person said. The Trump legal team had enlisted investigators

to search for any other classified documents that had not yet been recovered by the government. □

Union: Fired EMTs didn't get enough info in Nichols response

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — The head of a union representing most of the Memphis Fire Department said three employees who were fired after the death of Tyre Nichols weren't given enough information as they responded to the call for medical help.

Thomas Malone, president of the Memphis Fire Fighters Association, also wrote in a letter to city council members that information was withheld from those first responders by people on the scene.

Nichols, who is Black, was beaten by Memphis police after he was pulled over Jan. 7 for an alleged traffic violation. However, police Chief Cerelyn "CJ" Davis has said publicly released footage failed to show why Nichols was stopped at all. The union leader came to the defense of the fire department as a whole, saying its more-than-1,600 employees "serve this city and its citizens with purpose and intent each and every day."

The Daily Memphian reported on and published a copy of the letter, which says "there is no way any member could be truly prepared for a situation that occurred on January 7, 2023."

"Our members were not



In this image from video released and partially redacted by the city of Memphis, Tenn., Tyre Nichols lies on the ground during a brutal attack by Memphis Police officers on Jan. 7, 2023, in Memphis.

given adequate information upon dispatch or upon arrival of the scene," Malone wrote. "Quite frankly, there was information withheld by those already on the scene which caused our members to handle things differently than they should have."

Three fire department employees were fired after Nichols died. In all, 13 police officers have either been disciplined or are under investigation for their roles in Nichols' death. Six were fired, and five of them are charged with murder. Two Shelby County sheriff's deputies were also sus-

pended. Two of the former fire department employees, EMT Robert Long and advanced EMT JaMichael Sandridge, had their professional licenses suspended by a state medical board. Lt. Michelle Whitaker was the third employee let go. Her license was not considered for suspension, though state Emergency Medical Services board members commented that more actions could follow.

Memphis city spokeswoman Arlenia Cole told the Daily Memphian that all three former fire department employees have appealed their firings.

Associated Press

Fire Chief Gina Sweat has said the department received a call from police after someone was pepper-sprayed. When the workers arrived at 8:41 p.m., Nichols was handcuffed on the ground and slumped against a squad car, the statement said.

Long and Sandridge, based on the nature of the call and information they were told by police, "failed to conduct an adequate patient assessment of Mr. Nichols," the statement said. Whitaker remained in the vehicle with the driver during the response to Nichols' beating, the

department said. An ambulance was called, and it arrived at 8:55 p.m., the statement said. An emergency unit cared for Nichols and left for a hospital with him at 9:08 p.m., which was 27 minutes after Long, Sandridge and Whitaker arrived, officials said. Nichols died three days later.

An investigation determined that all three violated multiple policies and protocols, the statement said.

"They were reacting to what they saw, what they were told at the scene," Sweat recently told city council members. "Obviously, they did not perform at the level that we expect, or that the citizens of Memphis deserve."

Before suspending the licenses of Long and Sandridge earlier this month, the state EMS board watched 19 minutes of surveillance video that showed the two first responders as they failed to care for Nichols, who couldn't stay seated upright against the side of the vehicle, laying prone on the ground multiple times. EMS board member Sullivan Smith said it was "obvious to even a lay person" that Nichols "was in terrible distress and needed help." □

1st infant in Kentucky surrendered anonymously at 'baby box'



Safe Haven Baby Boxes Founder Monica Kelsey speaks at a news conference at a Bowling Green Fire Department station, Friday, Feb. 10, 2023, in Bowling Green, Ky.

Associated Press

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. (AP)

— Kentucky has seen its first infant anonymously dropped off at one of its "baby box" safe surrender locations. At a news conference Friday, Safe Haven Baby Boxes founder and CEO Monica Kelsey said the child was dropped off within the last seven days at a Bowling Green Fire Department location, declining to be more specific to protect anonymity. She said fire department staff was able to tend to the child in less than 90 seconds. The child is the 24th in the country to be surrendered at one of more than 130 baby boxes and drawers the organization has established across nine states. "This baby is

healthy. This baby is beautiful. This baby is perfect," said Kelsey, who added that officials are now looking to place the child in "a forever home."

Gov. Andy Beshear signed a law in 2021 that allows the use of baby boxes for children less than 30 days old. The law requires the boxes to be located at police stations, fire stations or hospitals that are staffed 24 hours a day. It also requires equipping them with a notification system to alert the first responders on site that a child has been placed inside the box.

Kentucky now has 16 baby box locations. The Bowling Green box had been operational for less than two

months. Safe Haven Baby Boxes are installed in the exterior wall of a fire station or hospital. An exterior door automatically locks when a newborn is placed inside, and an interior door lets a medical staff member secure the baby from inside the building. "This child was legally, safely, anonymously and lovingly placed inside of this Safe Haven Baby Box, and that speaks volumes about the parent," Kelsey said. Republican state Rep. Nancy Tate, who sponsored the legislation, told WNKY-TV that it's her goal to have at least one box in every Kentucky county. "It makes my heart full to know how supportive this project is," Tate said. □

Arab leaders warn Israeli actions threaten regional turmoil

By SAMY MAGDY

Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Dozens of leaders and senior officials from Arab and Islamic countries warned on Sunday Israeli actions in Jerusalem and the occupied West Bank could worsen regional turmoil, as violence surges between Israel and the Palestinians.

The meeting in Cairo was hosted by the Arab League and attended by President Abdel Fattah el-Sissi of Egypt, Jordan's King Abdullah II and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas along with many foreign ministers and senior officials. The high-level gathering came amid one of the deadliest periods of fighting in years in Jerusalem and the neighboring Israeli-occupied territory. Forty-five Palestinians have been killed so far this year, according to a count by The Associated Press. Palestinians have killed 10 people on the Israeli side during that time.

Speakers at the meeting condemned Israel's "unilateral measures" in Jerusalem and the West Bank in statements, including home demolitions and expanding settlements.

They also condemned visits by Israeli officials to the city's contested holy site, which is sacred to both Jews and Muslims and has

often been the epicenter of Israeli-Palestinian unrest. There was no immediate comment from Israel's government.

The officials also voiced support for Jordan's role as custodian of the Al-Aqsa Mosque, the third-holiest site in Islam. The mosque is built on a hilltop in Jerusalem's Old City that is the most sacred site for Jews, who refer to it as the Temple Mount because it was the site of the Jewish temples in antiquity.

Since Israel captured the site in the 1967 Mideast War, Jews have been allowed to visit but not pray there. Israel claims all of Jerusalem as its undivided capital, while the Palestinians seek east Jerusalem as the capital of their future state. Calling Jerusalem "the backbone of the Palestinian cause," el-Sissi warned of dire repercussions of any Israeli move to change the status quo of the holy site, saying they would "negatively impact" future negotiations to settle the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. He said such measures would impede the long-sought after two-state solution to the conflict, which would leave "both parties and the whole Middle East with difficult and grave options."

El-Sissi, whose country was the first Arab nation to es-



Egyptian President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi, right, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, left, and King Abdullah II of Jordan, leave a conference to support Jerusalem at the Arab League headquarters in Cairo, Egypt, Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023.

Associated Press

tablish diplomatic ties with Israel, called on the international community to "reinforce the two-state solution and create conducive conditions for the resumption of the peace process." King Abdullah II also called for Israel to cease its violations and incursions into the Al-Aqsa Mosque.

"The region cannot live in peace, stability, and prosperity without any progress made on the Palestinian cause," he warned.

Ahmed Aboul-Gheit, the secretary-general of the pan-Arab organization, also warned that attempts to partition the Al-Aqsa Mosque and obliterate its Arab and Islamic identity "would fuel endless unrest and violence."

Abbas, the Palestinian

president, said his administration would resort to the United Nations and its agencies and demand a resolution to protect the two-state solution to the conflict. "The State of Palestine will continue going to international courts and organizations to protect our people's legitimate rights," he said.

The ongoing bout of violence has put the region on edge. Last month, U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken met with Egyptian, Israeli and Palestinian leaders and urged them to ease tensions.

Israel is run by Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's new far-right government. Many politicians in Netanyahu's administration oppose Palestinian independence. □

Germany to ease visa conditions for some earthquake victims



Volunteers walk among locally donated relief supplies for earthquake victims in Turkey at a warehouse near BER Berlin-Brandenburg Airport in Schoenefeld near Berlin, Germany, Thursday, Feb. 9, 2023.

Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — The German government wants to temporarily ease visa restrictions for survivors of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria who have close fam-

ily ties to Germany if they are facing homelessness or were injured.

"It's about helping in times of need. We want to make it possible for Turkish or Syr-

ian families in Germany to bring close relatives from the disaster region," German Interior Minister Nancy Faeser tweeted late Saturday.

"They can find shelter with us and receive medical treatment," Faeser said. "With regular visas, which are issued quickly and are valid for three months."

However, not all the requirements of a regular visa procedure are being waived. Applicants must still be able to present a valid passport — likely to be an obstacle for people who fled collapsing buildings.

Several million people in

Germany have Turkish roots because, more than 60 years ago, West Germany recruited "guest workers" from Turkey and elsewhere to help the country advance economically.

More recently, hundreds of thousands of Syrian refugees came to Germany looking for safety from the brutal civil war back home. Turkish and Syrian immigrants in Germany have been collecting aid, sending donations and worrying for their relatives back home. Calls to allow them to take in close family members from the devastated regions had been growing for days. □

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Caribbean leaders to tackle Haiti's woes amid migration

By BERT WILKINSON

Associated Press

GEORGETOWN, Guyana

(AP) — Top Caribbean leaders are expected to debate Haiti's spiraling chaos and its impact on the region during a biannual meeting this week, with some complaining bitterly about a constant stream of migrants arriving on their shores as they flee poverty and worsening violence.

The three-day meeting of the Caribbean trade block known as Caricom starts Wednesday in the Bahamas. Some of the group's 15 members are pushing to get key Haitian stakeholders to a neutral nation in the region to reach a consensus agreement on holding elections in the impoverished country that has been stripped of all democratically elected institutions.

However, the international community and local officials have noted that elections cannot be held in Haiti until violence is quelled.

Haiti's foreign minister, Jean Victor Génés, warned during an Organization of American States meeting Friday that insecurity has risen and will spill over into neighboring countries.

"We must absolutely tackle



Residents move about as police patrol in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Friday, Feb. 10, 2023.

Associated Press

this problem in Haiti because no one else in the Caribbean will be spared," he said.

The Caricom meeting will be hosted by Bahamian Prime Minister Philip Davis, who has persistently complained about the cost of repatriating thousands of Haitians as well as hundreds of Cubans in the past year. He says Caricom needs to help find a solution to Haiti's security, political and economic crisis. Violence has soared in Haiti as poverty

and hunger deepens, with gangs growing more powerful since the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. The number of reported kidnappings rose to more than 1,200 last year, more than double what was reported the previous year. Meanwhile, 1,200 killings were reported last year, an increase of 35% compared with the previous year, according to the U.N.

The violence, coupled with double-digit inflation,

has prompted thousands to flee Haiti to neighboring Caribbean islands, with many seeking to eventually reach the U.S. Dozens have died in such attempts as they cram into rickety boats captained by human smugglers.

The International Organization for Migration announced last month that it documented at least 321 migrant deaths and disappearances in the Caribbean last year, the highest number recorded

since 2014 and a spike compared with the 180 deaths registered in 2021. Last year, the Bahamas repatriated nearly 5,000 migrants, the majority of them Haitians. In January, the government sent home 570 migrants, of whom 368 were Haitians. The government of the Turks & Caicos Islands intercepted more than 3,000 such migrants last year.

In late January, the Bahamian government announced that no new work permit applications for Haitians would be processed until authorities could better authenticate documents issued by Haiti's government. Also that month, the Turks & Caicos government approved a six-month moratorium on visitor visas for Haitians.

Both governments have complained about an increase in migrant shantytowns and on spending related to patrolling waters surrounding both archipelagos. "There is no question as to whether Haiti will be discussed" at this week's meeting, Caricom spokesman Leonard Robertson said. "Haiti has been at the front and center of the community's interest and agenda." □



Roman Catholic Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes presides over Sunday's mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Managua, Nicaragua, Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023.

Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua

(AP) — Pope Francis on Sunday expressed sadness and worry at the news that Bishop Rolando Álvarez, an outspoken critic of the Nicaraguan government, had been sentenced to 26

years in prison in the latest move against the Catholic Church and government opponents.

Hours later in Nicaragua's capital, Cardenal Leopoldo Brenes said someone had asked him what they

Pope worried about Nicaraguan bishop sentenced to 26 years

could do for Álvarez. "Pray, that is our strength," Brenes told those gathered inside the Metropolitan Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. "Pray that the Lord gives him strength, gives him judgment in all of his actions."

Álvarez was sentenced Friday, after refusing to get on a flight to the United States with 222 other prisoners, all opponents of President Daniel Ortega. In addition to his prison term, Álvarez was stripped of his Nicaraguan citizenship.

"The news that arrived from Nicaragua has saddened me no little," the pontiff told the faithful gathered in St. Peter's

Square for the traditional Sunday blessing, expressing both his love and concern for Álvarez. He called on the faithful to pray for the politicians responsible "to open their hearts."

The comments by Pope Francis and Cardinal Brenes Sunday were the first made publicly by the church about the expulsion of the prisoners — several priests did board the flight — and of Álvarez's sentence. Ortega ordered the mass release of political leaders, priests, students and activists widely considered political prisoners and had some of them put on a flight to Washington Thursday. Ortega said

Álvarez refused to board without being able to consult with other bishops.

Nicaragua's president called Álvarez's refusal "an absurd thing." Álvarez, who had been held under house arrest, was then taken to the nearby Modelo prison.

In the run-up to Ortega's re-election in November 2021, Nicaraguan authorities arrested seven potential opposition presidential candidates to clear the field. The government closed hundreds of non-governmental organizations that Ortega has accused of taking foreign funding and using it to destabilize his government. □



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With different concessionaires and amenities on property such as Matthews Beach Side Restaurant, Santos Coffee with Soul, Clinical Massage Spa, Thrifty Car rental, a recently renovated pickleball and tennis court, two pool areas, Mini Market, Pelican Adventures with inhouse concierge services, along with many activities for all ages, the list goes on. In addition, the Alhambra Mall across the street, offers dining and shopping options as well as one of the largest casinos on the island. The resort is surrounded by multiple fine dining restaurants, all within walking distance. The suites themselves are large and luxurious enough to comfortably sleep families of four to six people, depending on suite type. These suites are available to both transient guests and through life-long ownership by timeshare purchase.

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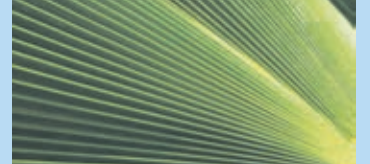
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Quality Care Institute is now a reality

ORANJESTAD – On Tuesday, February 7, 2023, the inauguration of the Quality Care Institute took place.

For this occasion, the Prime Minister, Mrs. Evelyn Wever-Croes, and the Minister of Tourism and Public Health, Mr. Dangui Oduber, addressed the guests and healthcare stakeholders in a brief speech.

This institute is essential for the efficiency and effectiveness of healthcare in Aruba. It is part of the trajectory of the Landspakket Zorg \known as F3. Since May 2020, the Government of Aruba made various agreements with the Government of the Netherlands concerning healthcare in Aruba. It is part of the conditions set for the loans provided by the Netherlands to overcome the pandemic.

The institute's objective is to improve healthcare quality in Aruba and offer more



efficiency and results for the community of Aruba. Quality control is the first objective of this institute.

Other goals are to improve coordination, communication, and agreements for healthcare. It is essential



to emphasize that this is in cooperation with all the Kingdom partners to have equality and quality healthcare on the same level as all the other partners in the Dutch Kingdom.

The institute has different objectives, namely the healthcare market supervision and new developments. They will also focus on regulating various tariffs and on the results of this regulation. The institute will guide these decisions based on different experts with relevant experience. One of the most significant achievements is the registration of our natives as

medical doctors in Aruba through the AruBIG, which also resorts under this institute.

Minister Oduber stated that all the partners in the Kingdom are excited to work and cooperate with Aruba to achieve protocols and beneficial quality care for the community.

Aruba is reaching its goal of having more efficient, effective, and sustainable healthcare. The Government is grateful to all stakeholders who made this accomplishment a reality in Aruba and the partners in the Dutch Kingdom. □

Aruba vacation with Aruba Joe

ORANJESTAD - On Monday, February 13th, from 17:45 - 18:45 hrs, Mrs. Barbara Ringrose presents her first book titled, 'Aruba vacation with Aruba Joe' at the library in Oranjestad.

The author will inform about the book content and the writing process. You are welcome to this presentation!

his story is a combination of events of love, family, and unexpected vacation challenges. The vacation of a lifetime on one of the most internationally sought-after vacation destinations: Aruba. Feel the beauty of

this small island in the Caribbean and enjoy reading and meeting Aruba Joe! Barbara E Ringrose is a blogger and first-time author. She lives in Manchester, US, and currently focuses on future writings and a new business.

Her accomplishments include a Bachelor's degree in Biology, a 22-year career in mortgage lending, three millennial-age children, and a handsome spouse. She also recently adopted a neighborhood cat, Ms. Kitty.

More information: <https://barbararingrose.com/>



Sea turtle conservation by Turtugaruba Foundation



ORANJESTAD — Turtugaruba was founded on September 3rd, 2003 by a group of enthusiastic volunteers. Ten years earlier, in 1993, a Sea Turtle Recovery Action Plan (STRAP) was introduced in Aruba and the rest of the Caribbean as an initiative of the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP). Tom Barmes, who was working at DLVV (Department of Agriculture, Husbandry and Fishery) was one of the writers of the STRAP for Aruba, together with Karen Eckert, director of WIDECAST (Wider Caribbean Sea Turtle Conservation Network). This is how sea turtle conservation started on the island following a plan that is still complied with today.

Tom formed a group of volunteers around him, because nature does not know office hours, like an organization such as DLVV. This group of volunteers used the name Widecast Aruba and today there are still a few of them active. They first started protecting the Leatherback Sea Turtle nests on Palm Beach and Eagle Beach. This group also investigated which other species of sea turtles use

Aruba as their nesting habitat and which beaches are used by them. For a period of 25 years a study has been conducted in which every early morning the beach was being monitored in which now there is a good overview of sea turtle nesting activities.

There are 4 different sea turtle species that visit Aruba to lay their eggs, each with their own specific season:

- Leatherback Sea Turtle - Lederschildpad
- Driekiel (March – September)
- Loggerhead Sea Turtle - Dikkopschildpad
- Cawama (May – September)
- Hawksbill Sea Turtle - Karetschildpad - Caret (June – December)
- Green Turtle - Soepschildpad - Turtuga Blanco (July-November)

There also came a better understanding and overview of the biggest threats to the sea turtles existence in Aruba and how these problems should be tackled. Despite hard work, all those years, most problems have not really gone away, but luckily and thanks to the enormous efforts from the volunteers, the sea turtles are still here. On Aruba the sea turtles are threatened with extinction by pollution, driving on dunes and beaches with quads and 4x4's and the loss of nesting beaches due to coastal development on behalf of tourism. Because coastal development comes with artificial light and artificial light is a mayor issue for sea turtles, mother turtle usually comes on shore at night looking for a dark beach to make her nest. However... a dark beach is hard to find here nowadays. Light causes stress and can result in her returning to the sea without laying her eggs. Artificial light causes disorientation for the baby sea turtles (hatchlings).

They crawl towards artificial light sources (like streetlights, hotel lights, etc.) and then they don't find the sea. In the 90's it was still a common occurrence to find a complete nest of about 70 hatchlings on the streets, dead, as cars drove over them. Thanks to their protection methods and a lot of time and effort, the volunteers of Turtugaruba have managed to get this under control. But for a sustainable solution there must be less light visible on the beaches and a strict regulation of it. Sea turtles simply need dark nesting beaches for their survival. It is clear that even more coastal



development would not make the situation better for the sea turtles. Again, more hotel rooms? And even busier beaches? These are choices Aruba has to make. Do we want to leave a place for the sea turtles? Not only Aruba, but the entire world needs sea turtles! Sea turtles play a vital role in keeping our oceans healthy.

The Green Turtle, for example, keeps the sea grasses on the bottom of the sea short and therefore a healthy place for many fish to deposit their eggs. The Leatherback, the largest turtle of the world, eats mainly jellyfish and helps maintain the balance between jellyfish and plankton. Despite the threats that exist on Aruba, the turtles still keep coming. That's why today Turtugaruba is especially proud of the volunteers and the many people and organizations of our community that carry a warm place in their hearts for the sea turtles. All four species are active now, which means all hands on deck in the field for us, the volunteers. We strive to keep the sea turtles, our oldest 'repeat guests', always coming back to Aruba and get the chance to reproduce here.

What you can do to protect the sea turtles

- Lights out for sea turtles.
- Do not drive on beaches.
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Gershwin Lee: a headmaster who is more like a coach for his students

The teacher as well as the student are people, and before everything, must be seen as people. That is the philosophy of Gershwin Lee, headmaster of the MAVO school, Colegio San Antonio.

Lee had just finished supervising a 'strafmiddag' – afternoon detention – when he spoke with our reporter. A group of students unhappy that they had to spend a Friday afternoon at school is not exactly an ideal situation, but the headmaster doesn't let any opportunity go by without connecting with his students. "They feel that the teacher doesn't like them, they told me. Many times it is a teacher who gave them a low grade." And what Lee told them was that by getting lower grades, the children reinforce the bad impression that the teacher might have of them, but the negative consequences fall on them.

He knew of which teacher the kids were talking, someone who has an interest but follows a stricter line. When the headmaster asked the kids why they don't make an effort, the answer was that "I don't want the teacher to think that I'm a teacher's pet". In that moment, Lee gave them a challenge, to ask the teacher directly if he thinks they have a perspective. "I told them that they will be surprised by the answer, because I'm sure that the teacher will say that he does believe in them, as long as they apply themselves."

After the conversation, Lee let the kids watch the documentary about gymnast Simone Byles, who despite having addicts as parents who couldn't give attention to their child; she was adopted by her grandparents. "The difference is the mindset. The idea was for the children to realize that trauma doesn't need to be an obstacle. Everyone has trauma. A child who gets screamed at by a teacher when he was in first grade



because he couldn't read well will be left with trauma. The point is how you deal with trauma."

Perhaps the most surprising aspect is that Gershwin Lee told the students that he also experienced a challenging youth. His father, the late Atan Lee was an extremely strict parent who didn't hesitate to use physical discipline and demanded perfection at school from his children. Gershwin as the older of three would rebel. His grades in MAVO were nothing to be proud of, and his rebellion continued until after finishing HBO (Dutch equivalent to college). His father dreamed of his son receiving the title 'drs', and Lee got all the

way to his thesis and then decided not to do it. He informed his father, who was obviously disappointed, and then moved to Spain where he obtained his Masters in Business Administration with specialization in marketing and public relations.

The trajectory however made Lee realize why his father was so focused on his children's achievements. "My father grew up poor in a big family. A male child of Chinese heritage, who was a victim of bullying, managed to overcome and wanted the best for his children. He couldn't believe it himself how much he achieved. No one believed in him when he was

a child."

The realization that his father's demands were the result of trauma allowed Gershwin to accept that the disciplinarian was simply a father who loved him and wanted the best for him.

And these stories, Lee tells them to the students of Colegio San Antonio. This however does not mean that it's not necessary to recognize the difficulty that some students are going through, because often, the attitude and arrogance of some students hides the lack of a parent's love, or the fact that the family is poor. Such attitudes are reflected in the results, and sometimes parents have a hard time understanding this. Gershwin applies the same human approach with the parents, some of whom sometimes come to school very angry.

From the start, ever since he was a teacher, Gershwin noticed that the best way to see the student, the parent, or the colleague is first as a person, holistically. For this reason also it is important for Gershwin to have personal contact with parents, to really get to know them. And he asks all of them the same question: "How was your day yesterday? How are you this morning, what did you have to eat?" This way of showing interest tears down walls and allows him to come closer to people,

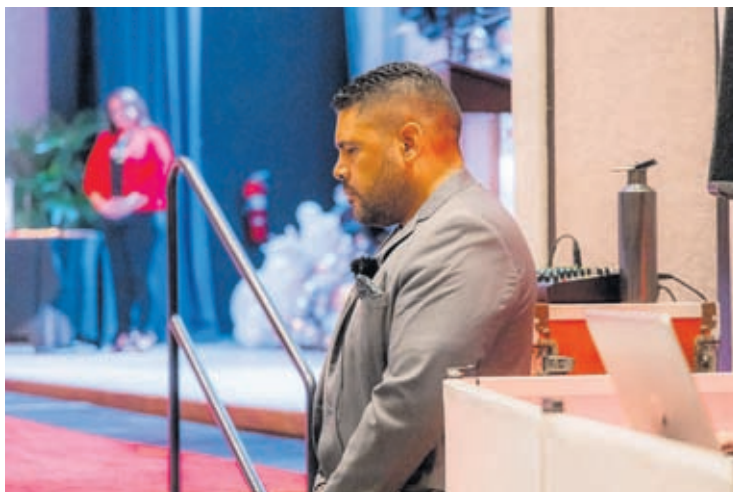
in order to reach the core of any conflict. A student (who is not a 'repeat client') who approaches him because the teacher kicked him out of school will not get scolded, but will be approached by a person who wants to know more about the life of the student. "I see what his fears, doubts and complexes are, if he is afraid."

The way in which Gershwin Lee deals with people is thus more like a coach than a strict disciplinarian. He doesn't leave out that there are rules to be followed, but in order to demand adherence, Lee believes it is essential to motivate the student as well as the teacher so that both want to work on improvement.

It might be part of his personality, but Gershwin Lee explains that from early on he realized the importance of a different approach, and he followed all courses and training possible on this area, from Conscious Discipline to yoga, which provide techniques to help anyone breathe in and calm down.

The results can be seen, because Colegio San Antonio already has years on top of the list of schools with a better percentage of graduates. But this is not what motivates the headmaster. "If you take the first exam period from last year, our school was the one with the worst results. There was the possibility for every student to drop their lowest grade (an arrangement due to the pandemic) and still graduate. But I told them to still take the second chance exam and improve their grade."

The headmaster motivated his students to believe in themselves and assured them that they will graduate. The result of the school in itself was not important for Lee. Rather, his objective was for the students to grow and realize their potential and be happy people, an approach that is proven to work. □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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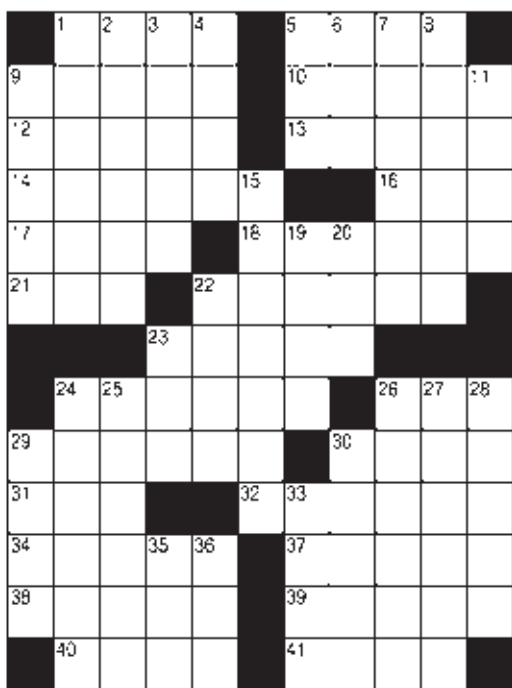
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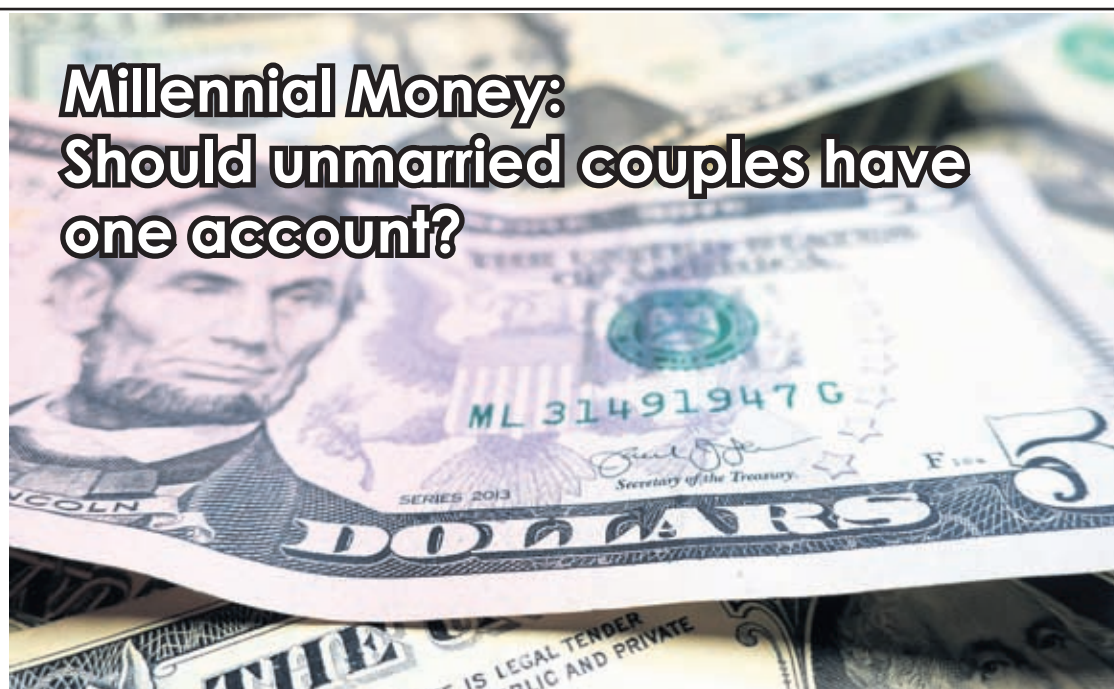
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Millennial Money: Should unmarried couples have one account?



This Wednesday, June 6, 2018, file photo shows U.S. currently in New York.

Associated Press

By CHANELLE BESSETTE of NerdWallet

When a couple joins financial forces, it's typically so they can accomplish a joint savings goal or contribute to shared expenses, such as those that come from living together.

This is a typical step for married couples, but more unmarried couples are taking the plunge to combine households: The number of unmarried partners that live together nearly tripled between 1996 and 2017 from 6 million to 17 million, according to the most recent figures available from the U.S. Census. From living together to sharing other financial goals, unmarried couples may have questions about how they can manage their money together.

One way to streamline shared expenses is to open a joint bank account, which can simplify the way you pay for things together. If you're considering opening a joint bank account with your partner, you'll want to think about the pros and cons of that option.

BENEFITS OF USING A JOINT ACCOUNT

Joint accounts can be useful for managing regular expenses as well as longer-term financial goals. Perhaps you and your partner want to make it easier to pay your rent and utility bills from one pot, or maybe you want to save for a vacation, wedding or house together. A joint account can be a useful place to start, as long as you lay ground rules together for how much you each plan to contribute, how you're going to use the funds in the account and what you'll do if your relationship ends.

Taylor Kovar, a certified financial planner and CEO of TheMoneyCouple.com, says unmarried couples should be very careful about opening a joint account. There aren't as many legal protections as there are for married couples, who have inherent legal co-ownership of assets that the couple acquired after they got married. He says that there's safety in keeping your own accounts and then opening a separate joint account that you and your partner both contribute to.

"There needs to be very

transparent tracking for the account," Kovar says. "Both people should be able to access the account at all times. You should both agree on what the account can and can't be used for, so that way if an argument occurs, then you'll both be clear on what went wrong."

DRAWBACKS OF USING A JOINT ACCOUNT

The primary drawback of a joint account is dealing with the dreaded question: What are we going to do with this account if we break up?

Parting ways is hard enough, but when there are shared assets involved, it can be even harder. The simplest way to handle a joint account post-breakup, Kovar says, is simply to split the funds in half. But if one partner contributed more than the other — perhaps because that partner has a higher salary — then it may be a good idea to split it equitably based on the percentage that each partner contributed to the account.

April Lee, the financial blogger behind Hassle-FreeSavings.com, is grateful that she and her former long-term partner never commingled their finances, especially when it came to the house that she purchased but that they both lived in. He consulted a lawyer to try to sue for ownership after they broke up, but in the end, he couldn't prove that he had contributed financially toward the house. □

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Stone Age discovery fuels mystery of who made early tools



This photo provided by the Homa Peninsula Paleoanthropology Project shows an Oldowan flake at the Nyayanga site in south-western Kenya in 2017.

Associated Press

By MADDIE BURAKOFF

AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Archaeologists in Kenya have dug up some of the oldest stone tools ever found, but who used them is a mystery.

In the past, scientists assumed that our direct ancestors were the only tool-makers. But two big fossil teeth found along with the tools at the Kenyan site belong to an extinct human cousin known as *Paranthropus*, according to a study published Thursday in the journal *Science*.

This adds to the evidence that our direct relatives in the *Homo* lineage may not have been the only tech-savvy creatures during the Stone Age, said study author Rick Potts, director of the Smithsonian's Human

Origins Program.

The tools date back to around 2.9 million years ago, when early humans used them to butcher hippos for their meat, the researchers report.

Older stone tools have been found in Kenya, dating back to around 3.3 million years ago, long before our own *Homo* ancestors appeared. Those tools were a bit simpler and so far have only been found in one spot, said Shannon McPherron, an archaeologist at Germany's Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology who was not involved with the study. The latest discovery matches up with a much bigger tradition known as the Oldowan toolkit. These same kinds of tools show up

across Africa and beyond during more than a million years of prehistory, Potts said, showing they really caught on among early humans.

They held a rock in one hand and hit it with another stone, chipping off thin, razor-sharp flakes, explained anthropologist Kathy Schick of the Stone Age Institute in Indiana, who wasn't involved in the research.

With the rocks and flakes, early humans could slice and crush a wide range of materials, said lead author Thomas Plummer, an anthropologist at Queens College of the City University of New York. And the tools from the Kenya site — likely the most ancient Oldowan tools found to date — suggest this gave them an advantage in a key area: eating.

The site, known as Nyayanga, is a lush, hilly landscape on the shores of Lake Victoria. Since starting excavations there in 2015, researchers have found a

trove of artifacts and animal bones, along with the two *Paranthropus* teeth. Slice marks on several hippo bones show they were cut up for their meat, which would have been eaten raw as a hippo steak tartare, Plummer said. The early humans also likely used their tools to break open antelope bones for their fatty marrow inside, and to peel the outer rinds of tough plant roots, the authors concluded. □



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White's 23 points helps Celtics past Grizzlies 119-109

By KEN POWTAK

Associated Press

BOSTON (AP) — Derrick White scored 23 points to help a shorthanded Boston team hold off Ja Morant and the Memphis Grizzlies 119-109 on Sunday.

Sam Hauser added 20 points, tying his career-high with six 3-pointers, Al Horford had 16 points and Payton Pritchard added 12 for Boston, which won its fourth straight. Celtics star Jayson Tatum didn't have his sharpest game, finishing with 16 points but making 3 of 16 shots and missing 7 of 8 on 3-point attempts.

"That's the beauty of this team," said White, who also had 10 assists. "We're just so deep. We've got a lot of guys that can do a little bit of everything."

Morant led the Grizzlies with 25 points, seven assists and six rebounds, while Desmond Bane scored 18 and Jaren Jackson Jr. had 15 points and seven rebounds. Boston was without starting point guard Marcus Smart, who missed his 10th straight game with a bone bruise in his right ankle, as well as forward Jaylen Brown (facial fracture he suffered from an inadvertent elbow by Tatum) and reserve guard Malcolm Brogdon (sore Achilles).

Boston moved to 1 1/2 games ahead of the idle



Boston Celtics forward Jayson Tatum (0) drives toward the basket past Memphis Grizzlies forward Brandon Clarke, left, in the first half of an NBA basketball game, Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, in Boston.
Associated Press

Bucks for the Eastern Conference's best record ahead of their matchup in Milwaukee on Tuesday. The Celtics were clinging to a one-point lead early in the final quarter before White scored six points —

with a conventional three-point play and 3-pointer from the right wing — during a 16-7 spurt that moved them ahead 104-94 with just over four minutes to play.

"We have some of our top dogs out now and it's just an opportunity for guys to showcase what they can do," Hauser said. "Try to fill

that void of the guys that were out. They bring a lot to the table. We try to do our best to do whatever we can to help the team win." Horford nailed three 3-pointers in the final five minutes.

Trailing by 13 at halftime, the Grizzlies used a 13-point third quarter by Morant that featured one-handed driving baskets, flips in the lane and twisting shots to wipe out the deficit, taking the lead briefly late in the third.

Morant said last month that he wasn't worried about facing any team in the West

in the playoffs. He brought it up again Sunday.

"The confidence I had when I said that is the confidence that got us to the point where we're at now — being one of the top teams in this league," he said.

TIP-INS

Grizzlies: Center Steven Adams missed his 10th consecutive game with a knee injury. ... Morant missed his first three free-throw attempts. ... They held a two-point lead after one quarter despite hitting only 2 of 9 3s while Boston was 6 of 13. They finished just 12-for-

34 from beyond the arc.

Celtics: Pritchard hit his first three shots from the floor — all 3s. "It's big, especially as a role player," Pritchard said of his start. "When hit your first one it definitely, anybody that says it doesn't is lying to you, it definitely gives you confidence."

OFF WHEN AWAY

The Grizzlies' road struggles continued, dropping them to 11-17 away from home. "How do you correct that?" coach Taylor Jenkins said before the game. "It's got to be a mentality, for sure, obviously you trust all the work you're putting in. ... Guys have to be even more confident together on the road. We know what our standard is and that's what it's about and we don't live up to that standard on the road."

NICE MOMENT

Jeannine Russell, wife of late Celtics legend Bill Russell, was seated courtside. She got a standing ovation when the PA announcer welcomed her as she was shown on the videoboard.

UP NEXT

Grizzlies: Host the Utah Jazz on Wednesday, starting a stretch of three of four at home.

Celtics: At the Bucks on Tuesday in a matchup of the league's top two teams. □



Former New York Yankees baseball player Derek Jeter attends a news conference at Yankee Stadium, Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2022, in New York.

Associated Press

Derek Jeter joining Fox Sports' baseball studio team

GLENDAL, Ariz. (AP) —

Derek Jeter and Alex Rodriguez have been reunited. Fox Sports announced Sunday during its Super Bowl pregame show that Jeter will be part of the network's studio coverage for the coming season.

Rodriguez hugged Jeter as he came on stage and presented him with a Fox Sports baseball jersey. Jeter, who was elected to baseball's Hall of Fame in 2020, also joins fellow Hall of Famer David Ortiz and host Kevin Burkhardt as part of the studio team.

"I was on set at the World Series in Philadelphia and

(David) Ortiz kept showing me his World Series rings. I figured I would join the team and humble him a little bit," Jeter joked.

Jeter and Rodriguez were teammates on the New York Yankees for 10 seasons, but their relationship wasn't close. The two were good friends early on during their big league careers, but Jeter acknowledged during his ESPN documentary series "The Captain" last year that they had grown apart after comments Rodriguez made in a 2001 interview with Esquire magazine.

Rodriguez credited Jeter's

teammates for the Yankees' run of four World Series championships in five years from 1996-2000.

The two, though, have seemed to put things behind them.

Jeter — who won five championships during his 20-year career with the Yankees — said last season during Rodriguez's ESPN show, "Sunday Night Baseball," that the two had met to talk and clear things up. Jeter was part of the Miami Marlins' ownership group for 4 1/2 years and was baseball's first Black CEO. He resigned last February. □

Scheffler repeats at Phoenix Open to regain No. 1 ranking

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SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) —

Scottie Scheffler successfully defended his WM Phoenix Open title Sunday at TPC Scottsdale to regain the No. 1 spot in the world. Scheffler closed with a 6-under 65 to beat Nick Taylor by two strokes on the Stadium Course. The 26-year-old Texan took the No. 1 ranking from Rory McIlroy with his fifth PGA Tour victory.

Last year, Scheffler beat Patrick Cantlay in a playoff for his first tour title. Scheffler added victories in the Arnold Palmer Invitational, the WGC-Match Play and the Masters and was the PGA Tour's player of the year.

Scheffler made a 22-foot eagle putt on the par-5 13th to break a tie with Taylor, then took a two-shot lead on the par-3 16th when he rolled in a 15-footer for par after hitting his tee shot far left on the stadium hole.

Scheffler birdied the par-4 17th with a 5-foot putt and closed with a par to finish at 19-under 265. He earned \$3.6 million from the \$20 million purse in the second of the PGA Tour's new designated events, created to bring the top players together more often.

Scheffler became the seventh player to successfully defend a title in the tournament, following Ben Hogan (1946-47), Jimmy Demaret (1949-50), Lloyd Mangrum (1952-53), Arnold Palmer (three straight from 1961-63), Johnny Miller (1974-75) and Hideki Matsuyama (2016-17).

Taylor also finished with a 65. The Canadian bogeyed the 16th, missing a 7-footer after Scheffler holed his par putt.



Scottie Scheffler holds up the championship trophy after the final round of the Phoenix Open golf tournament, Sunday, Feb. 12, 2023, in Scottsdale, Ariz.

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Jon Rahm, the former Arizona State star who opened the year with consecutive victories in Hawaii and the California desert, was third at 14 under after a 68. He also was in position to take the No. 1 spot with a victory.

Justin Thomas was fourth at 13 under after a 65. Jason Day (68) followed at 12 under, and Jordan Speith (70) was another stroke back with Sam Burns (68), Sungjae Im (69) and Tyrrell Hatton (69).

Rickie Fowler was in the group at 10 under. The 2019 winner had a hole-in-one on the par-3 seventh, using a 6-iron in the 216-yard hole.

McIlroy closed with a 70 to tie for 32nd at 4 under. □

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